



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

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2016 - 2017

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter November/December 2016

International President Recognizes Past District Governor Ron Jordan



On October 12th, PDG Lion Ron Jordan was presented the Senior Master Key by Lion Janice Bonnot. This award was from Lion International President Bob Corlew recognizing Lion Ron sponsoring 25 new members.

The growth of our organization depends entirely upon the responsibility of club members to bring service-minded individuals together. Lion Ron's dedication has increased our effectiveness in our communities and paved a trail for future generation of Lions as we face the next mountain to climb.

Congratulations Ron and thanks for your continued dedication to the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and District 26-M7.



Lion Janice Bonnot presented Lions PDG Ron Jordan with a Senior Master Key.



Greetings from the District Governor

District Governor Don Soph

Greetings Lions of 26-M7,

Thanksgiving is upon us. In a few short weeks we will be stuffing our faces with the wonders of repast the annual feast offers, and of course giving thanks for all with which we have been blessed. The holiday is a time-honored tradition of giving thanks and expressing how grateful we are for the good things surrounding us in our lives.

This year I'm asking M7 Lions to expand their giving beyond thankfulness. There is no better way to put this – our district is nearing crisis level in volunteers for district wide leadership. We are unable to fill positions in the district, and are having an extremely difficult time recruiting future leaders. At every level, from cabinet positions to district governor, enthusiastic, motivated and committed members are needed to further the Lions mission of service. Our district is a strong one. We have a proud history of successful and productive service that has helped make the heart of Missouri an amazing place to live, work and raise a family. Proportionally we have more Lions per actual population than any other district in Missouri. All M7 Lions are to thank for these fantastic achievements, and our past district leadership worked hard and proudly to guide M7 to the position it holds.

Fellow Lions of M7, this thanksgiving season please consider giving your time to serve the district in leadership. Volunteer outright, or answer the call when asked. Most of us don't consider ourselves leaders. Trust me, of all people I understand this very much. But I encourage you to look beyond this and give your time to better our region and our district. Give your time to assist our district's clubs in fulfilling their mission to serve. Individual Lions perform so well at their local club level. Please expand this view and consider all the clubs of the district. Together we all can continue to be strong and make the Heart of Missouri Lions truly exceptional.

All M7 Lions, please have a safe, blessed and happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and New Year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or need for assistance.

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"



Melvin Jones, Founder
Lions Clubs International

My Thoughts

1st Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

Volunteer Lions Needed!!!

By now, surely every District 26-M7 Lion has heard that our district volunteered to host the Missouri Lions State Convention celebrating a Century of Service for the Missouri Lions and Lions Clubs International. Hosting the state convention at this time is quite an honor. Our district has a strong tradition of hosting well-run conventions and this one should be extra special. **The convention is May 4 - May 7, 2017 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.**

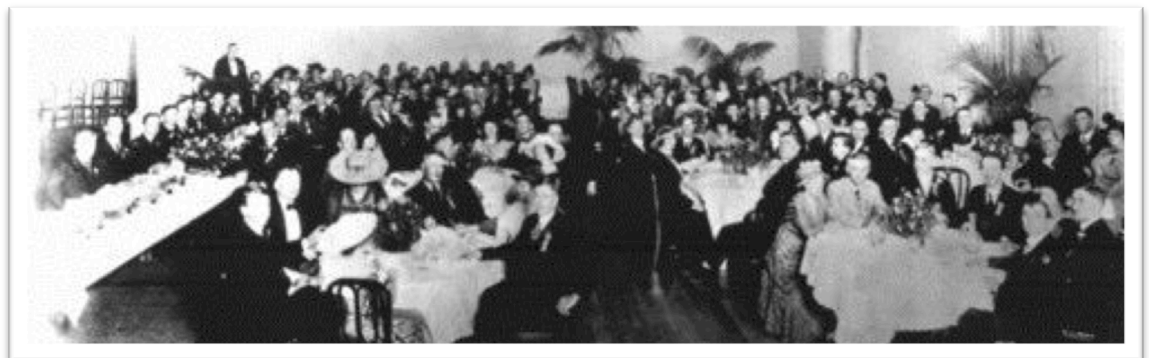
A dedicated committee of volunteers is pulling together the details (there is always room for more Lions to serve on the committee). However, to make the state convention really special, we will need a large number of volunteers to help in the days leading up to the convention and during the convention. We need volunteers to help with preparing gift bags, decorating the convention areas, set up and run the silent auction at the Friday night hospitality, greeting and making the Lions feel welcome, working at the registration desk, decorating for the luncheon and banquet, ensuring the rooms are set up for the meetings and seminars and any unexpected requirements.

It's not too early to let us know that you want to help our district "put its best foot forward" and show, once again, why District 26-M7 is known as the "Heart of Missouri Lions." If you are interested in helping, please send an e-mail or call our Host Committee Chairperson, PCC Jeff Hilke (lionjeffhilke@gmail.com or 573-690-8272) or the Committee Secretary, Jesse Hathcock (Jess26M7@aol.com or 573-338-5530).

We are also asking for donations to the May 5 Friday night hospitality silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction are donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions and Lions clubs have been very generous in providing a variety of items for the auction. If you have items for the silent auction, please contact PCC Jeff for early pickup/delivery or bring the items with you to the hospitality night (please arrive before 6:00 pm so Lions have plenty of time to bid on the items).

The Friday night hospitality is a really special event. Each district will have a booth with food and beverages available. It is a great time to meet fellow Lions from around the state and our guest from Lions Clubs International.

I encourage all Lions to register and attend the convention!



Association of Lions Clubs' first convention
October 8-10, 1917, Dallas, Texas

Welcome Our New Lions



Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club

Josh Hammond

Sponsor: Bernhard Dusheke

Hailey Mormann

Sponsor: Elmer Bax

Kyle Mormann

Sponsor: Elmer Bax

Camdenton Lions Club

Carolyn V. Oldani

Sponsor: Linda Martin

Freeburg Lions Club

Mike Turner

Sponsor: Jimmy Maasen

Brian Verslues

Sponsor: Michael Kaesik

Justin Wegman

Sponsor: Scott Plassmeyer

Hermann Lions Club

Hayden Baldwin

Sponsor: Mark Meyer

Gary W. Johnson

Sponsor: Michael Koepke

Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Hank W. Stratman

Sponsor: Mark Schreiber

Linn Lions Club

Lenice E. Basham

Sponsor: Neil Loethen

Millersburg Lions Club

Jason R. Bedsworth

Sponsor: Jeffrey Giboney

Stover Lions Club

Justin Dills

Sponsor: Norm Dills

Norm Dills

Sponsor: Chuck Black

Ryan Hoffa

Sponsor: Chuck Black

Warsaw Lions Club

Erick Knox

Sponsor: Charles Allcorn

*When was the last time you
asked someone to join in
serving his or her
community?*

LCI's "Involve a Veteran" Program Extended

Lions Clubs International encourages Lions clubs to ask military veterans to continue their service to their communities by extended the "Involve a Veteran" Program. The program now runs to June 30, 2017.

Veterans have much to offer a Lions club – practical and leadership skills and a strong sense of dedication and commitment. They also know what it means to part of a team.

With the submission of a Veteran Program Certification form, the \$25.00 induction fee to LCI is waived.

Additional information is at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/us-veteran-program.php>.

My Lions Experience

Lions in Sight Eyeglass Mission Clinic to Rio Verdo
Lion Dorene Jackson, Jefferson City Host Lions

I had the honor of traveling to Rio Verdo, Mexico with Lions in Sight for an Eyeglass Mission Clinic. There were ten of us traveling from different locations in Missouri, Iowa and California (four doctors and six technicians). I've previously been on four other mission trips, but this one by far was the most impacting.

During the two-day clinic we saw over 600 adults and children in need of eye care/eye glasses. It was both sad and humbling to see so many who have never had an eye exam or have never had the opportunity to experience the joy of sight. Having the opportunity to watch the expression on their faces when they were given a pair of glasses and are able to see clearly (many for the first time) was priceless. So many had lost their vision years ago, and were not in the position to purchase glasses.

Lions in Sight provided those glasses and gave them the blessing of clear vision again. Listening as they were given a book to read a paragraph, but had difficulty doing this, not because of their inability to read, but for the tears that flowed. For many, it was the first time in a long time, that they were able to see the words on the page. As I watched a few of the children receive their glasses and they were able to see the beauty of color, the joy on their face is an image that I'll never forget.

The days were long and many to see, but it was worth it when I was able to watch them as they left with the biggest smiles and a new pair of glasses. While there, I was also privileged to take part in the local Lions Club event for special needs children. A few of us were able to work out with the children as they did some basic exercise routines. It was wonderful getting out and doing the work of a Lion. I'm looking forward to serving on the next trip, wherever it may be.



The Mayor of Rio Verde presented the Lions in Sight Team Certificates of Appreciation for helping the people of his city.

How sweet is this? She has her first pair of glasses and she couldn't be happier. This makes me very happy. Look, she picked out frames to match her pretty dress.

Lions Learning Center

One of the most overlooked resources for our Lions is the free Lions Learning Center (LLC). The LLC offers online courses to its members. In the LLC, you can learn and practice key leadership skills for your role as a Lions leader and to be successful in all your projects. Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

- **Leadership:** Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader.
- **Managing Others:** Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people.
- **Achieving Results:** Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional.
- **Communication:** Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking.

By now, you are asking yourself, “Just how do I take advantage of these **free** courses? “

All you need to create a free account is your Lions member ID. The LLC is located on the Lions Clubs International web site: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php>

System check:

- Pop-up blockers must be disabled to run LLC courses!
- Adobe Flash player is needed to run LLC courses.
- LLC courses cannot be accessed by iPad or iPhone at this time. Other tablets and smart phones with Flash player can be used.

Should you have any questions or wish additional information on these learning opportunities, please contact Jesse Hathcock, District Global Leadership Team Coordinator at 573-338-5530 or Jess26M7@aol.com.

“Anyone who stops learning is **OLD**, whether at twenty or eighty.”



Henry Ford

MOLions Mailing List

Want to let more Missouri Lions know what you are doing (fund raisers, projects, etc.)? Want to know more about what other Missouri Lions are doing (maybe they have an idea you can adopt)?

A Lion graciously offers, at absolutely no cost, a mailing list for friends and members of the Lions clubs of Missouri. You may subscribe to the mailing list to receive e-mails from other subscribers and send e-mails to the other subscribers. This is a handy way to reach even more Lions with your news and information.

Periodically, the host, Lion J. Y. Miller of the Glasgow Lions Club, will send an e-mail entitled " Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)." Following is the latest e-mail (Gmail subscribers should note the last lines):

- The posting address for the list is: molions@freelists.org.
- To subscribe or unsubscribe to the list send E-mail to Lion J. Y. at j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net.
- Members will please use good taste and refrain from posts involving religion, sex, politics, and anything that might offend those of us with delicate natures. In general, anything that would be suitable to discuss at an open Lions meeting should be OK. Please share news about club projects, charter nights, elections, and events of significant personal history such as birth and death announcements.
- Users who have Gmail addresses should be aware that they will NOT see their own posts. This is a property of Gmail and is not in Lion Miller's control.

Zone 5 Meeting – Nov 15

WHERE: Fulton Host Club House, Fulton, Missouri

WHEN: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

TIME: Meal at 6:30 and meeting to follow

Please join your District and Zone 5 leadership to discuss district, zone, and local Lions issues, projects, and concerns. Of course, the club officers should attend but everyone is invited!

MEAL: barbecued beef brisket (provided by MoJo's BBQ & Grill), potato salad, baked beans, garden salad, dessert, and drink. \$9.00 per meal. Need attendance numbers by November 11!

Notify Zone Chairperson Susan Colvin, at smcolvin51@gmail.com or call 573-590-0852

SERVICE PROJECT

For the last 3-4 years the Fulton Host members have ditched giving crazy gifts to each other at Christmas and instead have donated items for youth age (12-17 years old) to SERVE for the annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family Drive. Each club donating will credit themselves for a service project that fulfills a Centennial Service Challenge related to youth. Bring your items to the Zone 5 meeting and we will take care of the rest. If this date is too soon then we will pick them up from you by Friday, December 9.



Looking for Volunteers 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee *Centennial Celebration 100 Years of Service*

The Lions of District 26-M7 are the hosts for the 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention, being held May 4 - 7, 2017. The Host Committee Chairperson, IPCC Jeff Hilke is asking for the district Lions to step forward to volunteer their knowledge and skills. The convention will mark Missouri Lions' celebration of 100 years of Lions Service.

The next planning meeting is 6:30 pm, December 5, 2016 at West Point Conference Room, 2701 West Main (upper rear), Jefferson City (next to Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Please attend if you are interested in helping plan or work at the state convention.

Help Needed at the Registration Desk, May 4 - 6

Lions are needed to work at the state convention Registration Desk. The Registration Desk will be open the following times:

- Thursday, May 4 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6 - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Several Lions have already signed up to work at the desk. However, Lions are still needed for the following shifts:

- Friday, 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

If you want more details or to volunteer, please contact Lion Janice Bonnot (thebonnots@embarqmail.com or call 573-636-2994).

If you are interested in volunteering for other duties, please send an e-mail or call our Host Committee Chairperson, PCC Jeff Hilke (lionjeffhilke@gmail.com or 573-690-8272) or the Committee Secretary, Jesse Hathcock (Jess26M7@aol.com or 573-338-5530).

WARSAW LIONS CLUB

59th ANNUAL 

MINSTREL SHOW

LION COUNTRY



River View High School
November 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.
November 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket Prices:
\$10 Donation

River View Park Board will serve dinner Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 & 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 from noon to 2 p.m.

ALL SEATS RESERVED - FOR TICKETS
CALL 740-622-5031 BEGINNING OCTOBER 26
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 11 AM - 1 PM



Lake Ozark Lions cut the ribbon to signify their new membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. President Lion Kevin Kempf, cuts the ribbon while members of the club and Chamber representatives look on.



Hermann Lions present a donation to Saving Sight during their recent visit to the Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia.

JC Capital Lions Have Nuts!!!



**\$10 per bag 1 lb bag
or
\$10 per 12 oz bag
of chocolate covered Pecans**

Yes, 'tis the season that holiday bakers need nuts and the JC Capital Lions are selling only this year's freshly shelled Azalea Brand Nuts.

Whether you need Pecans, Walnuts, Cashews, Almonds, a Gourmet mix or the popular chocolate covered Pecan Halves, the Capital Lions have them.

**To place your order
call 573-230-9954 or 573-635-5564**

Millersburg Lions Club Turkey Shoot

**November 20
December 4
December 18**



Shotgun & .22 caliber Rifle

Lions Club Park
2008 County Road 228
Millersburg

Great Food and Drink

Check us out on Facebook:
Millersburg Lions Club



HOLIDAY CASH RAFFLE

Jefferson City Host Lions Club



\$7,600

Cash Prizes!



\$10.00 per Ticket

Drawing: November 16, 2016

(Need not be present to win)

******* 46 Winners *******

GRAND PRIZE: \$2000.00

2ND PRIZE: \$800.00

3RD PRIZE: \$400.00

4TH PRIZE: \$200.00

5TH PRIZE THRU 46TH PRIZE: \$100.00

(Prizes Based on 1500 Tickets Sold)

To purchase a ticket or for more information call (573) 619-0580 or (573) 680-5758.



Publication Schedule for *Between the Lions*

January/February

March/April

May/June

January 8

March 8

May 8

Please submit your articles prior to the last day of December, February and April.

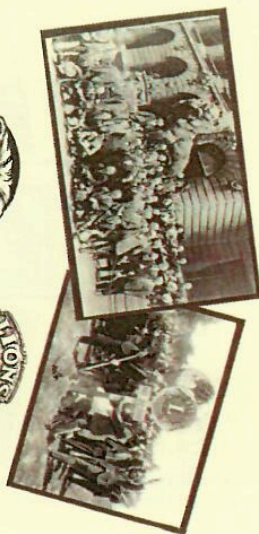
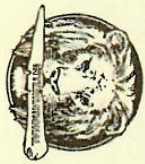
Please submit articles and calendar events to: Jess26M7@aol.com or mail to Jesse Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Calendar of Events

Nov 8	Eldon Lions Pancake and Sausage in support of the Jesus Prom	Feb 11	Second Vice District Governor training, Columbia
Nov 15	Zone 5 (Callaway County) meeting – Fulton Host Lions Building. 6:30 pm	Feb 17	Tipton Lions Spaghetti Dinner, Tipton High School
Nov 24	Rocky Mount Lions Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 am - 2 pm	Mar 10	District 26-M7 Convention Hospitality Night, Cedar City Lions Den
Dec 3	Stover Lions Santa Day and Chili; in conjunction with the Stover Christmas parade	Mar 11	District 26-M7 Convention, St. Andrew’s Church, Holts Summit
Dec 8	Lohman Lions Santa Day	April 22	Owensville Lions 70 th Anniversary Celebration
Dec 10	Lake Ozark Lions Breakfast with Santa, 8 am - 12 noon	May 4	Council of Governors, Tan-Tar-A Resort
Dec 16	Cole County Lions’ Salvation Army Challenge, various locations in Jefferson City	May 5-7	Missouri Lions State Convention, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach
Dec 16-17	Jefferson City Evening Lions Smoked Pork Loin Sale. For advance sales, contact a member of the JC Evening Lions Club or newsletter editor. Only 240 loins are available.	Jun 9	Jefferson City Evening Lions 24 th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, Oak Hills, Jefferson City
<u>2017</u>		Jun 30-Jul 4	Lions Clubs International Convention Chicago, IL
Jan 21	Council of Governors, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, 10 am	July 22	Missouri Lions “All Star” Football Game, Warrensburg, 7 pm
Feb 4	First Vice District Governor training, Columbia	Sept 21-23	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR

Correction to the 2016-2017 District Directory

Page 17. Change the Athletic Chairperson to read: Paul Schmanke; 817 Top Notch Lane, Eureka 63025, 573-677-5020 (c); paul@schmankelaw.com; *Owensville Lions*



District 26 M7 Lions invite you to the
95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention
 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO
 on May 4 - 7, 2017.

We look forward to celebrating
 100 years of Lions Clubs
 with you at Tan-Tar-A. Just mail in
 your registration to the right or
 registrar on-line at
www.molionsstateconvention.org.

Don't forget to make your reservation
 with the hotel at www.tan-tar-a.com
 or call 1-800-826-8272.

We will do the rest to make your
 weekend trip a celebration to remember.



2017 Missouri State Lions Club Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Mail registration form & payment to:

*Lion Janice Bonnot 4873 Woodhaven Drive
 Jefferson City MO 65109*

Checks payable:

*Missouri Lions 2017 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2017)*

Questions contact:

*PCC Jeff Hilke at (573) 690-8272 OR
 2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com*

Hotel Information:

Everyone is responsible for securing their own
 lodging. See the back cover for more information.

Convention Fees Per Person:

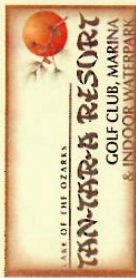
Registration: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Luncheon: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____)

Banquet: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Total: \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$ _____)

ACCOMMODATIONS



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Blocks of rooms are being held at Tan-Tar-A until April 1, 2017.

Tan-Tar-A Resort

494 TanTarA Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065

Hotel Direct (573) 348-3131
OR

Toll-Free Room Reservations: 1-800-826-8272

Mention you are with the Missouri Lions State Convention.

Group Code: LION

1 King OR 2 Queen Bed Room = \$92.00
(plus applicable taxes and \$5.00 resort fee)

Visit Tan-Tar-A Resort's website for more information at www.tan-tar-a.com.



Lifetime Memories Are Made Here

COMING SOON

The 2017 Missouri Lions Club State Convention website is in the process of being built & fully operational by the end of August 2016.

The website will have tons of information about the 95th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention including the list below at www.molionsstateconvention.org

Registration Hospitality
Schedule Directions
Accommodations Guest Speakers
Voting Info Pin Traders
LCI Centennial Service Challenges Link
LCI Centennial Information Link
Osage Beach Tourist Links



For More Information, Contact:

Chairperson: PCC Jeff Hilke
lionjeffhilke@gmail.com or (573) 690-8272

State Convention Email Address:
2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com

OR message us on our Facebook Page at:
"Missouri Lions State Convention"

95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention



SAVE THE DATE

May 4 - 7, 2017

CELEBRATE AT

Tan-Tar-A Resort
at Osage Beach, MO

WEBSITE

www.molionsstateconvention.org

FOLLOW US

on our Facebook group page:
"Missouri Lions State Convention"

